

[English]

**Telephone waiting list in Gurgaon**

345. SHRI R. DEVADASS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared the telephone waiting list upto 1.1.96 in Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the present position of allotting telephone connections to the people who have got themselves registered in Gurgaon after 1.1.96;

(c) whether the Government have suspended the work of giving telephone connections to the people enlisted after 1.1.96;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the number of telephones released to the persons enlisted after 1.1.96 and the time by which the connections are likely to be provided to them ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The waiting list upto 1.1.96 has been cleared except a few technically non-feasible cases.

(b) The status of clearance of waiting list, in various categories, is as follows :

Sl. No.	Category	Cleared upto
1.	OYT	15.7.1997
2.	N-OYT (Special)	10.7.1997
2.	N-OYT (General)	1.1.1996

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.

(e) 2200 telephone connections stand provided, to those applicants who got themselves registered after 1.1.1996. Rest of the applicants are being provided the connections progressively and a substantial waiting list is likely to be cleared before 31.3.98.

**Power Allocation Formula**

346. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power allocation formula is followed

by the Government uniformly for all central sector power stations;

(b) if not, the logic of deviations from the formula.

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan requested the Union Government to review the formula for allocation of power from the central generating power stations based on projected shortage of power; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be reviewed to ensure additional power to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) By and large the power allocation formula has been followed by the Government for all central sector power stations except in the case of Kayamkulam in Kerala, Simhadri in Andhra Pradesh and Faridabad in Haryana. which are exclusively dedicated to the respective states. For a variety of reasons including NTPC not having sufficient project units portfolio, it was decided to consider setting up a few projects like Kayamkulam, Simhadri and Faridabad exclusively for individual states. It has also been decided that such projects be set up as separate subsidiary companies of NTPC in which the concerned State Governments/SEBs should have an equity.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The present formula is being examined in consultation with CEA. CPSU's and State Governments/ State Electricity Boards.

**Mehta Committee Report**

347. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since received Mehta Committee Report on rural areas and development;

(b) if so, the salient features of the reports; and

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted and rejected, separately, alongwith the reasons of rejections ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee has submitted interim report to Reserve Bank of India.